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SUBJECT: URUGUAY IMPORT SURCHARGE WAIVER

REF: GENEVA 3584

1. GATT SECRETARIAT HAS CIRCULATED URUGUAYAN REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF WAIVER ON IMPORT SURCHARGE AT JUNE 21 GATT COUNCIL (L/4045, COPY MAILED EB/GCP-WILLIAMS). DOCUMENT DOES NOT SPECIFY PERIOD OF EXTENSION REQUESTED. BASIC URUGUAYAN DOCUMENTATION ON SURCHARGE ITSELF IS BEING SUPPLIED SECRETARIAT BEFORE COUNCIL PARA 2 REFTEL), BUT TRANSLATION LENGTHY LISTS OF PRODUCTS WILL NOT BE COMPLETED FOR CIRCULATION UNTIL AFTER COUNCIL.

2. DRAFT DECISION TO BE CIRCULATED AT JUNE 21 COUNCIL BY SECRETARIAT WILL SPECIFY WAIVER EXTENSION UNTIL END OF 30TH SESSION OF CPS (I.E., ABOUT NOVEMBER 22, 1974), WITH UNDERSTANDING BOP COMMITTEE WOULD EXAMINE NEED FOR LONGER-TERM REQUEST DURING OCTOBER MINI-BOP

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EXAMINATION WITHIN ONE MONTH OF REQUEST AND THUS HAVE RESULTS AVAILABLE WELL BEFORE OCTOBER BOP COMMITTEE SESSION.

3. SECRETARIAT BELIEVES IT USEFUL HAVE COUNCIL MEMBERS AT JUNE 21 SESSION SPECIFY TYPE OF INFORMATION THEY WOULD EXPECT URUGUAY MAKE AVAILABLE TO BOP COMMITTEE. IN PAST CONSIDERATION URUGUAYAN SURCHARGE, NORDICS AND EC HAD QUESTIONS ON DISCRIMINATORY APPLICATION SURCHARGE (EXEMPTION FOR GOODS CARRIED IN URUGUAYAN BOTTOMS). SEE CM/79 AND CM/80 OF 1972, WHICH RECORD URUGUAYAN STATEMENT THIS DISCRIMINATION HAS BEEN REOVED. ACCORDING TO SECRETARIAT, NORDICS AND EC HAVE DOUBTS WHETHER THIS TRUE IN PRACTICE AND CONSIDERING MAKING REQUEST FOR COPY OF DECREE CANCELLING DISCRIMINATION.

4. MISSION BELIEVES STANDARD TERM OF REFERENCE FOR SURCHARGE EXAMINATION WOULD BE SUFFICIENT (I.E., BOP PROSPECTS, ALTERNATE MEASURES RESTORE EQUILIBRIUM, ETC.) BUT IT MAY BE USEFUL MAKE SOME REFERENCE TO PERMANENCE OF "TEMPORARY" SURCHARGE. OUR FILES SHOW THIS OR SIMILAR MEASURES IN EFFECT IN URUGUAY WELL BACK INTO 1960S.DALE

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